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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A trailer for transporting a container, said container being provided with lifting holes at least at each corner thereof; said trailer comprising:

a generally U-shaped frame, the front thereof being provided with means for removably attaching said trailer to a tractor, said generally U-shaped frame being shaped and sized to receive said container within said frame, said frame being provided with wheels on each side of said frame;

a plurality of retractable lifting members, each retractable lifting member being positioned proximate a lifting hole of said container when said container is received within said frame, said retractable lifting members being movable between an inoperative position where said lifting members are disengaged from said lifting holes, and an operative position where said lifting members engage said lifting holes and are extendable to lift said container,

wherein said lifting members comprise a hydraulic cylinder provided with a lifting hook, said lifting hook being inwardly biased with respect to the frame, and

wherein each of said ~~lifting members~~ hydraulic cylinders are housed ~~[[in]]~~ within a corresponding substantially vertical beam fastened to said frame, and